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SUBJECT: IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS IN PRAGUE

1. IN VIEW OF RECENT IRAQI GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN ON
COMMUNIST PARTY AND STRAINS THIS HAS PUT IRAQI

RELATIONS WITH USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS, ##
IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT
FIRST SECRETARY OF IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY MOHAMMAD AZIZ
AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) MEMBERS NAZIHA DULEIMI AND
ARA KHACHODOR (PHONETIC, DERIVED FROM CZECH TRANS-
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LITERATION) WERE RECEIVED IN PRAGUE JUNE 21 BY CPCZ
PRESIDIUM MEMBER AND CC SECRETARY JOSEF KEMPNY
AND CC MEMBER AND HEAD OF CC INTERNATIONAL POLICY
SECTION ANTONIN VAVRUS. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED
CURRENT ME SITUATION AND CURRENT TASKS OF THEIR
PARTIES. PRESS GAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOI TREATMENT
OF COMMUNISTS WAS DISCUSSED.

2. THIS MEETING COINCIDES WITH STATE VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI, BUT AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DIRECT LINKAGE. WE SEE NO SIGNIFICANCE IN AZIZ BEING RECEIVED BY KEMPNY, WHO IS PRIMARILY TASKED WITH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SINCE KEMPNY IS IN EFFECT THIRD RANKING PARTY SECRETARY AFTER VASIL BILAK, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUT IS CURRENTLY IN YUGOSLAVIA.

3. CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN POLICY HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN AIMED AT DEVELOPING THIRD WORLD TIES, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON ME AND AFRICA, IN ORDER TO SERVE AS MOSCOW'S SURROGATE IN PUSHING SOVIET LINE. IRAQ HAD APPEARED TO BE ONE OF ITS MORE SUCCESSFUL TARGETS, AS INDICATED BY PRESIDENT HUSAK'S STATE VISIT TO IRAQ LAST YEAR. GIVEN GO'S CURRENT MOOD, HOWEVER, PUBLICLY SNUGGLING UP TO IRAQI COMMUNISTS IS NOT GOING TO DO PRAGUE'S STOCK ANY GOOD IN BAGHDAD.

4. DECONTROL AFTER 4 YEARS.

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